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Riu's Flood Adventure: A Journey of
Hope and Friendship

Pochi Tina



A cozy living room glows with warm light as baby Riu, tiny and joyful, makes his grand entrance into the world. His loving mother, beaming with happiness, holds him close, while his proud father smiles widely. Midwife Teresa, with gentle hands and a kind face, watches over the new family, a picture of serene beginning.



Weeks later, Riu naps peacefully nestled against his mother, soft snores filling the quiet room. Suddenly, loud shouts from the street pierce the calm, startling them both awake. Father rushes in, his brow furrowed with concern, as they all turn towards the window, a sense of unease growing.



With a gasp, they peer out the window, their eyes wide with disbelief at the unbelievable sight. A swirling, dark river of water churns through the streets, carrying cars like toys and forcing people to scramble for higher ground. The familiar world outside has transformed into a chaotic, watery expanse.



No time to lose! Riu's mother swiftly wraps him in a colorful sling, securing him safely against her chest. His father grabs a sturdy backpack, quickly stuffing in diapers and a few tiny outfits, their faces set with determination. They prepare to face the unknown, a small family unit ready for anything.



As Father carefully opens the front door, a powerful surge of water rushes into their home, swirling around their knees. Mother, holding Riu tight, bravely pushes through the strong current, water rising above their waists. Step by courageous step, they navigate the flood, finally reaching the safety of the building's upper stairs.



Upstairs, warm smiles and open arms from kind neighbors, including Nayma, welcome them into safety and comfort. Meanwhile, Father, with two helpful neighbors, bravely re-enters the flooded apartment to rescue Xoco and Lluna, their beloved bunnies, from a stubbornly stuck room. Cheers erupt as the fluffy friends are brought to safety, completing their family's rescue.






From the upper windows, they watch with heavy hearts as the flood waters engulf their entire town, a somber scene unfolding below. That night, Nayma offers them a cozy bedroom and a warm meal of garbanzos, but only Riu sleeps soundly. His parents, unable to rest, gaze out at the dark, watery world, holding onto hope.



Morning reveals a transformed world: the water has receded, leaving streets blanketed in thick, brown mud and cars piled up like discarded toys. Father stays with a wide-eyed Riu, while Mother descends to their home, now a muddy, broken shell. Amidst the wreckage, she finds a cherished white T-shirt, a colorful reminder of friends and happier times, a small treasure to hold onto.



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Back upstairs, as Mother nurses Riu, they ponder their uncertain future, wondering how to escape the mud-covered town. Suddenly, familiar voices call from the building's entrance, "Hellooo? Cati! Joan! Are you there? Are you okay?" It's their friends, Blanca and Pau, fully equipped with boots and backpacks, ready to help, sparking a joyous, tearful reunion.



After heartfelt goodbyes and thanks to Nayma, the family, with Riu in his sling and the bunnies in carriers, follows Blanca and Pau through the muddy streets. A kind van driver offers them a ride to their friends' car, leading them to Museros, a town untouched by the flood. There, safe and sound, they embrace their friends, ready to start their new life, as Riu, Xoco, and Lluna finally sleep peacefully in their new home.